

**REMARKS**

**Claim amendments**

Claim 25 is amended herein to delete the term "3'-3' linkage". No new matter has been added.

**Rejection of Claim 25 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)**

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosch et al. in view of Krieg et al. Rosch et al. is relied upon as teaching introducing a 3'-3' linkage into an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide. Claim 25 has been amended to remove the term 3'-3' linkage. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment overcomes the rejection and request that the rejection be withdrawn and claim 25 passed to issue.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed claim 25 is in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 207-791-3078.

Respectfully submitted,

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